

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 87 – SB 1156

February 27, 2013

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Authorizes counties, which are operating under the County Budget Law of 1957, to increase the membership of their budget committee to more than five members.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$1,200/Permissive

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003462):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes Sullivan County to increase the membership of the county budget committee to no more than nine members.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The provisions of the bill, as amended, are permissive to Sullivan County.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 5-12-104(b)(1), currently the committee consists of the county mayor and four other members appointed by the mayor and approved by the county legislative body. Any compensation to members of the committee is paid from the county general fund.
- According to information provided by Sullivan County, commissioners are compensated at a rate of \$592.73 a month, regardless of how many committee meetings they attend.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 5-12-104(b)(2), county budget committee members need not be members of the county governing body.
- According to Sullivan County, currently members of county committees who are not members of the county governing body receive compensation at a rate of \$25.00 per meeting attended.
- According to Sullivan County, only members currently serving on the county governing body will be added to the county budget committee, as a result the permissive increase to local government expenditures is not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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